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UNS Mint Master

Meeting - June 12th / 7:00 P.M.
Location - Columbus Community Center
2531 South 400 East
Salt Lake City, UT

The Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

We had a great meeting last month. The metal design for this year was voted on and Guy Eroh's idea of the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout won. There were many entrees with great ideas but congratulations to Guy for coming out on top. The club will have the design minted in silver, brass and copper. We might even do a gold select. Look for more information to come to order your metals in August or maybe September.

We want to thank Dave Jenkins for coming and giving a presentation at last month's meeting on what to look for and what the minimum features are needed when shopping for a 'safe'. His suggestions were right on and gave us a lot to think about. Also want to thank Jim Richins for displaying

his fantastic collection of Utah Bank Notes. These bank notes do not see the light of day very often so it was special for the club to have this opportunity to view his collection. It was very impressive.

I had the privilege last month to attend the National Money show in Denver. What fun to browse the tables of 500 dealers from across the country for 2 days. Found many of the coins I was looking for. Meet some old friends and made some new ones. We had a good representation of the UNS Coin Club there too, Doug Nyholm, Tom Jensen, Chris Larson, Ralph Muller and Bob Campbell were all there with big smiles on their faces. If you have the desire to attend a big show like this, make it happen you will not regret it.

TOM DAVIS

June's Program

June's meeting is our annual Youth night. Bring your children, grandchildren, scouts, neighbors' kids, anyone who wants to have some fun. There will be lots of prizes and refreshments. See you there.



Feature Article

Large & Small Motto 1864 2-Cent Piece

I see quite a lot of 2-cent pieces in my travels and business. Most of them are well worn and worth just a few dollars as such. Probably the most common dates seen are 1864 or 1865 and in examining them the average condition is AG or Good with the 'In God We Trust' motto well worn. Most of the examples seen have the word 'WE' in the motto completely worn away. If you are looking at 1864 2-cent coins you will note that the 'small motto' coins are quite scarce and command a significant premium even in lower grades. The key diagnostic as shown in the 'Red Book' is to observe the size of the word 'WE.' Well, if this is worn away don't worry, a small motto variety is still identifiable. Albeit it will be worth much less it still has a slight premium.

The diagnostics are many and are outlined as follows—

- The first "T" in TRUST is nearly touching the ribbon fold in the small motto, and is separated from it by about a millimeter in the large motto
- The last "T" in TRUST is nearly touching the top of the ribbon in the small motto, and is closer to the bottom in the large motto
- The bottom serifs in the T's are much wider in the small motto
- The O in GOD stretches nearly from the top of the ribbon to the bottom in the large motto, and has ample room in the small motto



1916 Dateless Standing Lib Quarter Diagnostics

The rivets on the shield are not as sharp on a 1916.

The 1917 coin clearly has two points of hair protruding from the back of liberty's head.

The gown on liberty's right arm extends below the wall.

In 1916 liberty's head touches the rim and in 1917 it does not and the rim beads are all the same size.

The drapery fold is attached to liberty's ankle on a 1916 coin



The picture at the top is the Large Motto type while the lower picture is the scarce Small Motto variety.

On the sidebar to the right the diagnostics used to determine if a dateless Standing Liberty Quarter is a 1916 or 1917 are noted. Don't get excited about this one however, if you determine your dateless quarter is really a 1916 there is virtually no premium for it even though it is very scarce.

Doug Nyholm



“Coin Of The Month”

1983 Copper Cent

Could you have \$15,000.00 in your pocket?

How would you like to find a coin in pocket change worth \$15,000.00! This happened recently when a novice collector who purchased the book, “Strike It Rich With Pocket Change” found such a treasure. Previously to his find there was a single known 1983 Lincoln cent struck on a pure copper planchet and sold for \$15,000. Why is old worth so much? Well, if you

80’s the rising price of copper due striking cents on pure copper began to be struck on zinc

There are actually 7 different In addition to the composition and small date varieties. If you cent the total number of varieties many varieties are a result of not but also because the composition copper plated zinc occurred mid both compositions to be struck 1983 all cents were struck on the

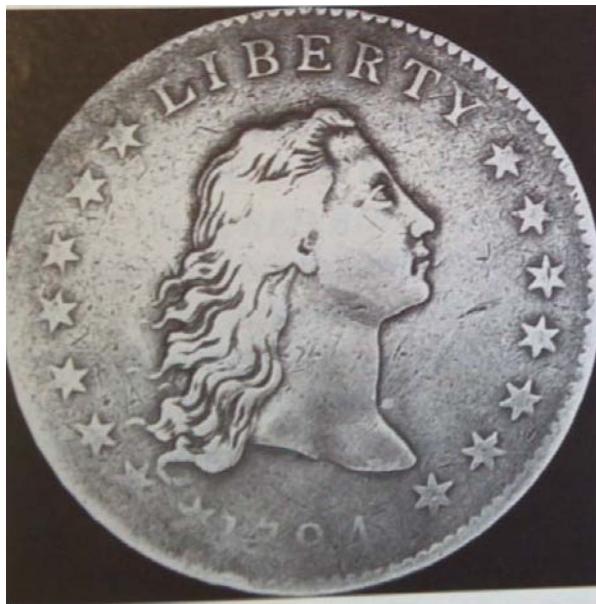
position. It is not unimaginable to conclude that a few old pure copper planchets may have slipped by and made it into the bins of blanks to be struck in 1983. After all, it is impossible to visually differentiate one composition from another. The only realistic way of determining the composition of 1982 cents is to weigh them on an accurate gram scale. A pure copper cent will weigh in at 3.1 grams while a zinc cent weight is 2.5 grams. This error is reminiscent of 1943 copper cents or 1944 zinc cents. The big difference is that they are not visually easy to spot. There is an advantage that they are possibly much rarer than the 1943/44 off metal strikes. So far only two have been discovered! So if you have a scale and desire to spend hours weighing individual 1983’s , who knows, maybe you could strike it rich. If you do find one, authentication by a major grading service is mandatory. I personally believe that there are more than 2 of them out there. How many people have the time or patience to weigh every 1983 cent they encounter? Good Luck.



planchet. It is pictured before this coin, lest than 30 years remember back to the early forced the mint to discontinue planchets and in 1982 cents planches plated in copper. types of cents struck in 1982. change there are also large add the San Francisco proof for 1982 increases to 8. The only the different date sizes change from pure copper to year resulting in cents of during the year. Then in new copper plated zinc com-

Doug Nyholm

Counterfeit Corner / 1794 Silver Dollar



These pictures are of two identical 1794 silver dollars. Both have been certified as authentic by ANACS. They are pictured in the book, "United States Early Silver Dollars" by Jules Reiver. There are some subtle issues that when pointed out become quite amazing. Each coin displays about the same amount of wear but you will notice that every circulation mark present on the top example is also present on the lower example. There was only one die pair used to strike 1794 dollars and these marks are not in the dies. So, how does one coin mimic exactly the same circulation marks as the other. The answer is, it can't! One of these coins is a copy of the other probably using an electrotype process but experts have been unable to identify which one is the original and which one is the copy. These coins were identified way back in 1967 and presently are owned by the same person with instructions that if they are ever sold they must be sold together as a pair. Walter Breen, Eric Newman, Stackls, ANACS, Jack Collins, and Woodie Blevins all agree. A very interesting coin to say the least.



UNS
2012
schedule

June Youth Night

July

Picnic

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Auction

September

September Symbolism on US coins by Lee McKenzie

October

Roman Coins by David Larsen

November

November lections

Connections & Resources

Bourse
December

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Dinner

1. What year is the last overdated coin as listed in the Red Book?

2. What year saw the last overdate on a US gold coin?

3. Which of the following series' has no known overdates, according to the Red Book?

- A. Barber Dimes
 - B. Barber Quarters
 - C. Barber Halves
 - D. All of the above

4. What series of coins has the most overdates?

- A. Bust Silver Dollars
 - B. Capped Bust Halves
 - C. Liberty Head Lg. Cents
 - D. \$2 1/2 Gold Eagles

5. Which U.S. Circulating coin does not show the date in which it was struck?

- A. Gobrecht Dollar B. Isabella Quarter
C. Layfayette Dollar D. \$4 Stella

Answers to last month's questions. 11 1942 21 \$50 31 A broken die

4) Albany 5) Pewter, Silver, and Brass

Can you identify this coin?

This is a 1836 Goebrecht Silver Dollar



TWO PICTURES
THIS MONTH.
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SHOWN AT LEFT,
AND WHAT
COUNTRY DOES
THE COIN BELOW
COME FROM?





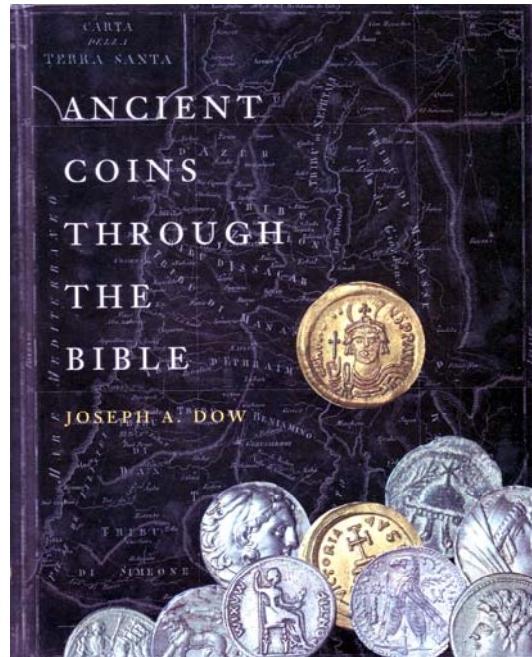
Book Review

Ancient Coins Through The Bible

One of my main destinations while attending major coins conventions is to visit not only the book/supply dealers but also to walk the floor to find authors selling their new books.

At the recent Denver ANA there was hardly anything new being offered but I did find a table occupied by Joseph Dow who was selling his new book about ancient biblical coinage. I visited with him for awhile and found that he had been working on this book for 30 years. His main objective other than writing about these fascinating coins was to acquire a color photograph of every coins in his book which he has accomplished. This book consists of 349 pages and has a wealth of information about these coins. Scarcity and details about each coin is included as well as information about their origin. A very interesting book.

Doug Nyholm



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Author Joseph Dow

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YOUNG NUMISMATISTS

REDEFINING OUR COLLECTING FOCUS A CLOSER LOOK AT DATE SETS

In the February 2011 issue, this column discussed the need to establish a focus for our collecting efforts. Now sixteen months later, I believe it is time to evaluate whether our focus is helping us achieve our goals. What did you decide to collect? Did you decide to collect a series, perhaps a complete Lincoln cent set, which is very common for most collectors? How is your collecting effort progressing? If all is going well and you're happy with the progress you're making, then keep doing what you've been doing. However, if your progress and efforts are frustrating you, maybe it's time to refocus. Continuing with Lincoln cents as our example collectible, it is not hard to understand how a young or old numismatist could become frustrated trying to assemble a complete set. Although billions of cents have been minted, the series has run since 1909 and includes multiple designs, compositions, finishes, and varieties. An almost complete set would include approximately 350 individual coins and most likely not include a 1958 double die obverse with only 3 known examples. Adding to the difficulty of assembling a cent series set is the fact that a few of the coins are quite expensive. Expensive cents include: 1909-S VDB, 1909-S, 1909-16 Proofs, 1914-D, 1922 No D, 1931-S, 1944-D/S, and the 1955 and 1972 Double Die Obverses. While there are some other very expensive die varieties, the cumulative value of these coins in the lowest grade listed in the most recent Red Book is \$8285.00 for an average cost of over \$517 per coin. Whether you are an old or young numismatist, that's a lot of money for a 1-cent coin. So, what is the collector to

do? Perhaps as part of our refocus process, we need to consider a date set approach in building our Lincoln cent set. Since a date set only includes one coin of a design from each year without concern for mintmarks or varieties, a nice date set of circulated Lincolns would contain 107 coins and could easily be assembled for under \$200.00. The additional three coins permit inclusion of all four 2009 reverse designs. Another approach that might be considered as we go through the refocus process is to divide the Lincoln series into smaller and more easily handled and affordable sub-series. The four reverse design sub-series array of Lincolns permits a logical breakdown into four groups: Wheat, Memorial, Bicentennial, and Shield. The collector, especially the young one with perhaps limited resources, can then decide how they want to collect the sub-series. If I were a young collector, I would probably use a combination approach of date for Wheat and date, mintmark, varieties for the remaining Memorial and later. This approach would allow the collector to take full advantage of availability and lower costs associated with the later dates and a large majority of the later dates can be obtained at face value if you're willing to search through coin rolls. This assessment concept can be used with any design series. For fun, take a look at Morgan dollars from a date set and full set (less the 1895-P) perspective. What's the difference in numbers and retail cost? If you've become frustrated, I hope this discussion offers a ray of hope.

PHIL CLARK



Last month's coin pictured above is a 1923-P Standing Liberty quarter recently offered on EBAY. It was NGC graded at MS-66 with a Green CAC sticker. It is not a full head and had a starting bid of \$825 with free S/H. It did not sell and was not relisted.

This month's coin pictured below is a 1914-D Lincoln cent currently being offered on EBAY. What grade would you give it?

